

Valentine Crawford to George Washington, April 27, 1774, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM MR. VALENTINE CRAWFORD. ¹ ²

JACOBS CREKE April 27th 1774

DEAR SIR)

Sence I wrote you My Brother Come Home and is Swore in to his Comitian and wase verey frendly treated att Stantown it wase out of his power to Send your plats to you acording [to] your desire—

I went to gilbert Simsons as Soon as I got out and gave him the bill of Scantlin you gave Me and the bill of his articles I offered him all the Sarvents till we got our Conews B[ui]ld[in]g to take them to your Bottem to worke But he Refused for fair they would Run away from him as we had our Canews to build I Could Not Spare the Carpenters as I am Endevering to get Redy to start as Soon as posble I Can but it appears to be the Most trouble besness I Ever under tuck in My Life but I Shall Endever to goe thrugh it with all Reselution I posably can I would faign hope to give you Satisfaction But I am afraid it is out of My power

I Shell wright you verey fall in My Next before I Start and I am Dear Sir your Most faithfull frend and Most Hble Servent

VALE: CRAWFORD

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N B. I hope I Shall be able to Start in four or five days V C

1 Brother of Colonel William Crawford. Valentine Crawford was employed by Washington for many years as manager of his Ohio lands.

2 Indorsed by Washington: "Inclosing one dated 19th. Apl. 1774 giving an Acct. of his Movement of my People & Stores over the Mounthn."